LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY11, 2003, upon the application of ST. MARYLAND & EXPLORATION CO.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Lower Cotton Valley Formation**, **Reservoir A**, in the Terryville Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

- To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize their Tatum No. 1 Well as an alternate unit
 well for the production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Formation,
 Reservoir A, in the unit designated LCV RA SUM, in exception to the spacing provisions
 of the 370-B-6 Series of Office of Conservation Orders, such unit and well shown on the
 plat submitted with the application.
- 2. To find that an alternate unit well is needed on the LCV RA SUM to drain a portion of the unit that cannot be drained by any existing well located within the unit.
- 3. To permit the unit operator to produce the assigned unit allowable from the unit well, the alternate unit well or from a combination of all wells at its discretion.
- 4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Terryville Field, Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 370-B-6, effective February 2, 1982.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Shreveport**, Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La

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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.